



Laurel County

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Demographics

	<u>2010</u> ¹	<u>2018</u> ²	<u>2025</u> ³ (Projection)	<u>Families with Own Children</u> ⁴	<u>2013-2017</u>
Population					
Total population	58,849	60,669	62,592	... Married couple	3,965 (+/-436)
... Under 20 years old	15,769	15,336	14,992	... Female householder	1,851 (+/-309)
... Ages 65 and over	7,577	9,921	12,287	... Male householder	560 (+/-200)

Youth

	<u>2013-2017</u>
# of grandparents who live with and are responsible for grandchildren ⁴	910 (+/-268)
% of own children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force ⁴	49.1% (+/-8.6%)
STARS certified and licensed child care: ⁵	<u>2018</u>
... Number of Providers	8
... Capacity	543

Education

	<u>2013-2017</u>
% of population 25 and over with high school or higher ⁴	78.9% (+/-1.8%)
% of population 25 and over with bachelor's degree or higher ⁴	13.0% (+/-1.4%)
% of 3rd grade students scoring proficient or distinguished on math in the 2017-18 school year ⁵	68.6%
# of children enrolled in Head Start during the 2017-18 school year ⁵	128
High school graduates in 2017: ⁷	
... average high school GPA	3.06
... % earning an industry certificate	9.0%
... % college/career ready	59.0%

Income/Earnings

Median household income (2017) ⁶	\$39,830 (\$36,539-\$43,121)
Median earnings in past 12 months ⁴	<u>2013-2017</u>
... Women	\$23,319 (+/- \$1,527)
... Men	\$31,894 (+/- \$1,546)
... High school graduate	\$28,651 (+/- \$2,239)
... Bachelor's degree	\$38,075 (+/- \$4,305)

Agriculture

# of farms	<u>2017</u> ⁸ 955	Farms with food sold directly to consumers	<u>2017</u> ⁸ 43
% of land in farms	32.3%	Value of food sold directly to consumers	\$264,000
% of farms operated by a family or an individual	92.6%	Processed or value-added agricultural products sold	
% of principal producers under age 35	3.8%	... Farms	24
% of principal producers who are female	19.1%	... Value	\$243,000
# of new and beginning principal producers	264	Food sold directly to retail markets, institutions, and food hubs for local or regionally branded products	
# of farms with income from agri-tourism and recreational services	5	... Farms	8
		... Value	\$181,000

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Employment

	2017
Total employment (# of jobs) ⁹	34,953
	2016
# of establishments w/ 1-9 employees ¹⁰	801
% of establishments w/ 1-9 employees ¹⁰	69.4%
Nonemployer establishments (w/o employees) ¹¹	3,935
	2013-2017
% of workers ages 16 and over who: ⁴	
... work inside the county	75.9% (+/-1.9%)
... work outside the county	22.9% (+/-1.9%)
... work outside the state	1.2% (+/-0.6%)

Coal Employment

	2011 ¹²	2016 ¹³
(-- = no data)		
Direct employment at coal mines	--	6
% of total employment	--	0.02%

Health

	2015-2017
% of adults with obesity ¹⁴	41% (33.66-49.14%)
% of adults with diabetes ¹⁴	18% (13.29-23.12%)
% of adults reporting a time in past year they needed to see a doctor but could not because of the cost ¹⁴	13% (8.2-21.12%)

Substance Abuse

Drug-related inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits for overdose among county residents¹⁵

	2016	2017	2018		2016	2017	2018
Heroin	1-4	5	5	Benzodiazepines (i.e. Valium, etc.)	30	26	15
Cocaine	0	0	0	Antidepressants	18	15	14
Opioids other than Heroin	43	17	26	Any Substance	184	141	146

Drug overdose deaths among county residents¹⁶

	2016	2017	2018		2016	2017	2018
All Drug Overdose Deaths	9	12	14	Involving Benzodiazepines	1-4	1-4	6
Involving Heroin	1-4	1-4	0	Involving Fentanyl	0	1-4	1-4

Poverty/Insecurity

% of workers ages 16 and over who worked full-time year-round and were below poverty (2013-2017) ⁴	4.3% (+/-1.2%)
Estimated food insecurity rate (2017) ¹⁷	16.3%
Youth under age 18 who lived in households that received Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance, or food stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months (2013-2017) ⁴	6,126 (+/-604)
Children determined by the Dept. of Community Based Services to have been victims of child abuse or neglect (2018) ¹⁸	642

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